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DETENTION OF JESUS BRAULIO LOPEZ-AMORIN

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 8
REGARDING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MR. BRAULIO
LOPEZ, WHO WAS REPORTED TO HAVE DISAPPEARED
IN CORDOBA, ARGENTINA ON DECEMBER 15, 1976.

2. WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THE
ARGENTINE FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING GROUP ON
HUMAN RIGHTS THAT JESUS BRAULIO LOPEZ-AMORIN,
AN URUGUAYAN NATIONAL IS BEING HELD UNDER
STATE OF SIEGE EXECUTIVE DETENTION DECREE 209
OF JANUARY 28, 1977 IN UNIT 1 OF THE FEDERAL
PENITENTIARY IN CORDOBA.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA ANNOUNCED
ON SEPTEMBER 27 THE RESTORATION OF THE "RIGHT OF
OPTION" WHICH PROVIDES THE POSSIBILITY THAT PERSONS
BEING HELD UNDER EXECUTIVE DETENTION MAY UNDER CERTAIN
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CONDITIONS LEAVE FOR ANOTHER COUNTRY. MR. LOPEZ MAY BE AMONG THOSE WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM THESE NEW REGULATIONS BUT FRANKLY IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT AT THIS TIME TO PREDICT JUST HOW MR. LOPEZ' DETENTION WILL BE HANDLED BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.

4. WE HAVE INDICATED TO THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN OFFICE THAT THERE IS US CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, WE SHALL OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

5. I HOPE THIS INFORMATION WILL BE HELPFUL IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS RAISED WITH YOU CONCERNING MR. LOPEZ.

6. SINCERELY YOURS, MAXWELL CHAPLIN, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.
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